

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An emulsion composition for skin application comprising an aqueous component, one or more water-insoluble organic ingredients totaling at least about 15 percent by weight of the composition, and about 1 to about 10 percent by weight of porous silica microspheres having an average particle size between about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .
2. The emulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble organic ingredients comprise at least about 20 percent by weight.
3. The emulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble organic ingredients comprise at least about 25 percent by weight.
4. The emulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 2 to about 8 percent by weight.
5. The emulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 3 to about 6 percent by weight.
6. The emulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble organic ingredients comprise sunscreen active ingredients, in an amount up to about 50 percent by weight of the composition.
7. The emulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble organic ingredients comprise sunscreen active ingredients, in an amount about 10 to about 35 percent by weight of the composition.
8. An emulsion composition for skin application comprising an aqueous component, a sunscreen component totaling at least about 10 percent by weight of the composition, and about 1 to about 10 percent by weight of porous silica microspheres having an average particle size between about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 20  $\mu\text{m}$ ,

wherein a total amount of water-insoluble organic ingredients comprises at least about 25 percent by weight of the composition.

9. The emulsion composition of claim 8, wherein the sunscreen component comprises two or more sunscreen active ingredients.

10. The emulsion composition of claim 8, wherein the sunscreen component comprises up to about 35 percent by weight of the composition.

11. The emulsion composition of claim 8, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 2 to about 8 percent by weight.

12. The emulsion composition of claim 8, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 3 to about 6 percent by weight.

13. An emulsion composition for skin application, formed by combining: an aqueous component containing porous silica microspheres having an average particle size between about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and comprising about 2 to about 8 percent by weight of the composition; and an oil component containing one or more organic sunscreen ingredients totaling at least about 10 percent by weight of the composition; wherein the oil component comprises at least about 25 percent by weight of the composition.

14. The emulsion composition of claim 13, wherein the oil component comprises two or more organic sunscreen active ingredients.

15. The emulsion composition of claim 13, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 3 to about 6 percent by weight.

16. The emulsion composition of claim 13, wherein the organic sunscreen ingredients comprise about 10 to about 35 percent by weight.

17. An emulsion composition comprising: an aqueous component containing porous silica microspheres having an average particle size between about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and comprising about 2 to about 8 percent by weight of the composition; and an oil component comprising two or more sunscreen ingredients selected from the group consisting of homosalate, oxybenzone, octisalate, avobenzone, and octocrylene the sunscreen ingredients being present in amounts that establish an SPF value at least about 45 for the composition.

18. The emulsion composition of claim 17, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 3 to about 6 percent by weight.

19. An emulsion composition comprising: an aqueous component containing porous silica microspheres having an average particle size between about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and comprising about 2 to about 8 percent by weight of the composition; and an oil component comprising two or more sunscreen ingredients selected from the group consisting of homosalate, oxybenzone, octisalate, avobenzone, and octocrylene, the sunscreen ingredients being present in amounts that establish an SPF value at least about 30 for the composition.

20. The emulsion composition of claim 19, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 3 to about 6 percent by weight.

21. An emulsion composition comprising: an aqueous component containing porous silica microspheres having an average particle size between about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and comprising about 2 to about 8 percent by weight of the composition; and an oil component comprising two or more sunscreen ingredients selected from the group consisting of homosalate, oxybenzone, octisalate, avobenzone, and octocrylene, the sunscreen ingredients being present in amounts that establish an SPF value at least about 15 for the composition.

22. The emulsion composition of claim 21, wherein the silica microspheres comprise about 3 to about 6 percent by weight.